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Public Works Department earns kudos keeping roads clear during historic storm.

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New Faces

Meet County Assessor Armando Ruiz, County Attorney Ring, Sheriff Driscoll and Supervisor Parks.

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Dear Coconino County residents,

We hope you are enjoying the spring after what felt like a very long and snowy winter. In fact, this winter was a historic one, with the 10th largest recorded snowstorm hitting the area on January 19 and sticking around for almost a week. Our Public Works division got well-deserved kudos for keeping more than 700 miles of county roads cleared during our local version of "Snowmageddon." Certainly, we expect to see you enjoying our Parks and Recreation acreage, which has grown! After more than 20 years of planning, hard work and community collaboration, the County placed the winning bid on 220 acres of Arizona State Trust Land in a public auction this past fall. The acquisition of the land, which allows the count to expand Fort Tuthill Park, was funded by Coconino Parks and Open Space, the 2002 voter approved initiative.

During the fall, we also had an election. While the presidential race grabbed most of the headlines, we had some big changes here too. In these pages, we introduce you to our newest elected officials, including Jim Parks, Supervisor from District 4; County Sheriff Jim Driscoll; County Attorney Bill Ring and County Assessor Armando Ruiz. That, of course, is not all you'll find in this issue of Report to Citizens. We have news about the Courthouse Expansion and Administrative Project Request for Information process, highlights from several County departments, and features on our efforts to improve the quality of your life in Coconino County. We hope you enjoy it!

Sincerely,
The Coconino County Board of
Supervisors and County Manager



Art Babbott
Supervisor - District 1



Liz Archuleta
Chairwoman and
Supervisor - District 2



Matt Ryan
Supervisor - District 3



Jim Parks
Supervisor - District 4



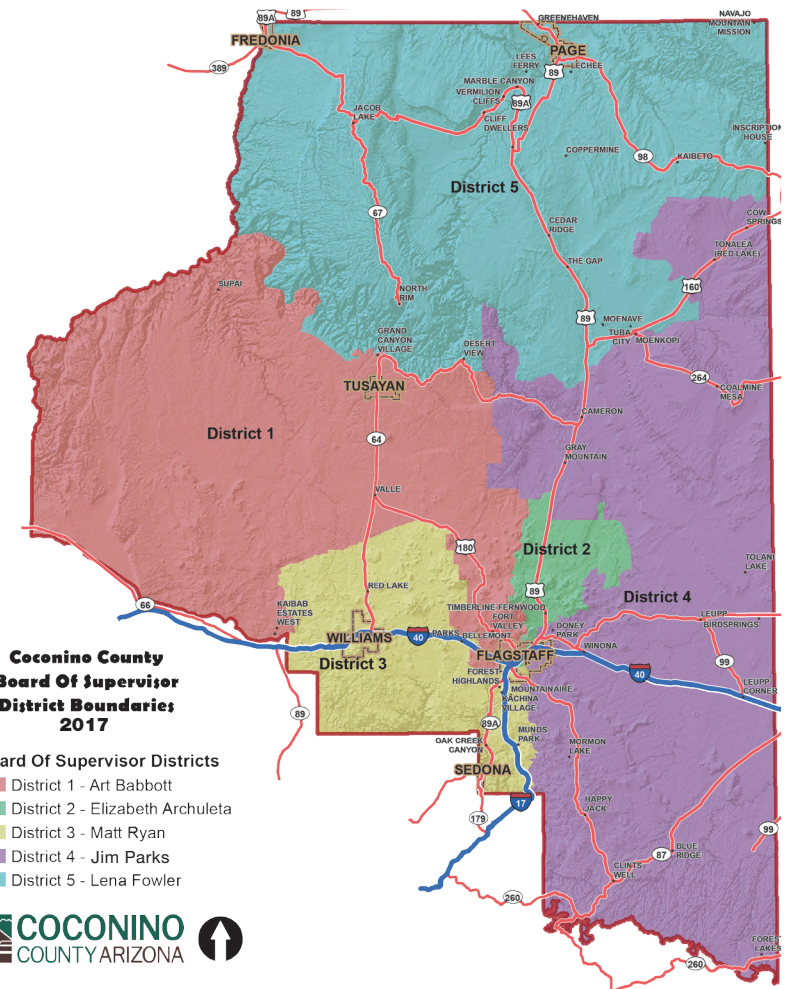
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Supervisor - District 5



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County Manager

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SHARE YOUR VISION OF FLAGSTAFF WITH US

‘Request for Information’ on Flagstaff Development Projects due May 3

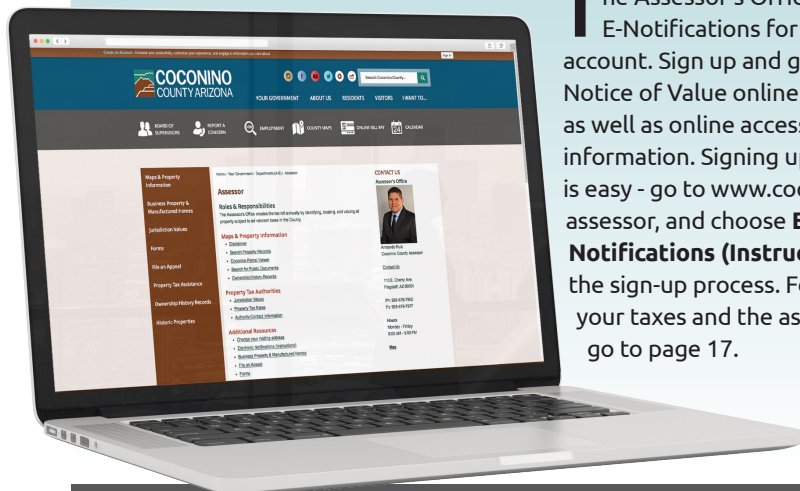
Do you have a vision for the upcoming downtown courthouse project or other developments in Flagstaff? Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff want to hear from you!

The County and City are partners on a “request for information” (RFI) for development projects, including the new downtown City Courthouse project approved by voters in November and a needed expansion of the County Courthouse. The business community, developers, residents and other stakeholders are invited to submit ideas and their visions for these projects, and also are encouraged to submit other ideas on how the new court space and other potential projects could encourage business development, parking solutions, housing, diversity, public art, civic engagement, recreation and gathering spaces.

This transparent and open process is to encourage our residents to be part of the future development of our county. The best ideas generated by the RFI will be used to create the Request for Proposals (RFP). This is the normal way governments choose who will do the work to design and build a new public building. Be part of the vision for our future! Get the details at www.coconino.az.gov/developrfi and let us know your ideas by May 3.



SIGN UP FOR E-NOTIFICATION TODAY



The Assessor’s Office now offers E-Notifications for your parcel and account. Sign up and get your Annual Notice of Value online ahead of the mail as well as online access to parcel/account information. Signing up for E-Notifications is easy - go to www.coconino.az.gov/assessor, and choose **Electronic Notifications (Instructions)** to complete the sign-up process. For more news about your taxes and the assessment process, go to page 17.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Public Meeting Schedule



Meetings take place in the Board of Supervisors Chambers on the first floor of the Coconino County Administrative Building at 219 E. Cherry Ave. in Flagstaff and can be live streamed at <http://www.coconino.az.gov/1589/BOS-Video-Stream>:

DATE		TIME
April 4	Regular Session	10 a.m.
April 11	Work Session	10 a.m. (Tentative)
April 18 Evening	Regular Session	6 p.m.
April 25	Work Session	10 a.m. (Tentative)
May 2	Regular Session	10 a.m.
May 16 Evening	Regular Session	6 p.m.
June 6	Regular Session	10 a.m.
June 11	Work Session	10 a.m. (Tentative)
June 20 Evening	Regular Session	6 p.m.
June 27	Special Session Budget Adoption	TBD
August 8	Regular Session & Set Tax Rates	10 a.m.
August 15	Work Session	10 a.m. (Tentative)
August 17	Joint Work Session with City of Flagstaff	4 pm
August 22	Evening Regular Session	6 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.coconino.az.gov or call (928) 679-7120. Agendas are available at www.coconino.az.gov/agendacenter on the Friday before each meeting.



COCONINO COUNTY

Greetings, County Residents!

Supervisor Art Babbott, District 1



I want to highlight some of my office's collaborative and innovative economic development initiatives from this past year. Building strong regional economies that provide opportunity for residents of all income levels is critically important, especially given that 80% of new jobs are created by independent and small business.

As both an independent small business owner and elected official, I am committed to growing vibrant and strong regional economies.

My efforts included:

- ▶ Working to rebuild forest industries in northern Arizona through the Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) and support of forest industry workforce development.
- ▶ Distributing \$100,000 in loan funds through SEDI's "Dollars for Dream" revolving loan program to small and start-up business who are shut out from commercial banks.
- ▶ Securing \$540,000 for a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) with partners to protect the military missions Camp Navajo and US Naval Observatory military missions.
- ▶ Creating agricultural and forest industry opportunity through reform and revisions to the Coconino County zoning code.
- ▶ Serving on the Board of the Economic Collaborative of Northern Arizona (ECoNA).

I have also been taking a leadership role in bringing residents, agencies and local government together to focus on long-term solutions to reduce the major negative impacts of winter traffic gridlock on the scenic Highway 180 corridor.

Thanks, and please feel free to email me at ababbott@coconino.az.gov to share your thoughts and perspectives!

Supervisor Matt Ryan, District 3



These are just highlights of what we are working on throughout District 3 this year, for there is much more going on. We were successful in acquiring 220 acres of State Trust Land, north of Fort Tuthill County Park, as well as successfully purchasing trail access in Kachina Village to the Pumphouse County Natural Area. We are also working on

other riparian area efforts, and connecting Fort Tuthill to Rogers Lake by trail.

We have initiated a Joint Land Use Study to look

at recommendations for land uses that are compatible with the missions of military installations while also supporting economic development and community values. We are embarking on an update to the Bellemont Area Plan and moving forward with a rate study for the KVID utility, while keeping in mind that our intent will be to eventually transition the utility back to the homeowners for governance.

We have been supporting the efforts in Oak Creek Canyon and the City of Sedona in looking at solutions to the traffic congestion occurring in Sedona and the Canyon. In addition, we have been involved with the FEMA risk map efforts taking place in Munds Park, Kachina Village and Mountainaire in which outreach efforts will occur soon. We are also reviewing a flood control study related to the City of Williams and Bill Williams Mountain.

While there are many challenges, there is a lot of good going on and we thank you for your support.

Supervisor Jim Parks, District 4



There are exciting things happening in District 4 in the upcoming months, currently we are working on our May 19th Stand Down event.

It is just the beginning of the term and we are having monthly "Coffees with Conversations" with community members and the Directors of the County from both

Country club and Doney Park areas in order to get to know everyone.

While going to weekly Chapter meetings on the reservation, Supervisor Parks is trying to get the word out about the Navajo Generating Station and its upcoming closure. Stay tuned for more from District 4!

Chairwoman and Supervisor Liz Archuleta, District 2



This year I have the honor of serving as the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. In this role, I intend to lead a shared vision that is forward thinking, inclusive and transformational. Amongst the county's many roles, is its responsibility for the Criminal Justice System. I will be hosting a Justice Reform Summit in partnership with the NARBHA Institute to highlight what

the county and its partners are doing to reduce recidivism, address mental health issues, and ensure justice for all. We will also hear from counties in other parts of the nation who have innovative programs and best practices.

This summer we will have a community recognition

event to commemorate the completion of the Schultz Flood Mitigation Projects and to thank those who have been a part of this effort since 2010 – this includes all the residents of the area and the many volunteers. As you know, the mitigation measures we implemented have been instrumental to the recovery of the forest and protecting the surrounding neighborhoods.

I continue to fund the Hungry Children Back Pack Program for kids who are chronically hungry. This is a partnership effort of with United Way of Northern Arizona and the Flagstaff Family Food Center. Children are some of our most vulnerable residents and they deserve to be children and not worried about lack of food.

District 2 is surrounded by beautiful forests and public lands. I remain committed to ensuring our public lands are protected and will be there for our children and future generations to enjoy. Our public lands are vital to a healthy community.

I welcome your input and invite you to attend our meetings on Tuesdays. If you can't attend in person, you can watch them on our new and improved county website!

Supervisor Lena Fowler, District 5



The Navajo Generating Station in Page (NGS) has been important to Northern Arizona for over 40 years and is a major employer for the region and District 5. Recently, the owners of the plant have announced that they will shut the plant sooner than the original closing date of 2040, perhaps as soon as 2017.

We know that taxing jurisdictions in Coconino County will lose revenue when NGS closes. This means that important services such as hospitals, libraries, schools, and public health services including disease prevention are at risk. In our County, these jobs support children and extended families, as well as local retailers and services.

I am working with county, state and federal stakeholders to identify strategies to help alleviate the sudden economic shock that an abrupt closure would cause. We have focused much effort on trying to find ways to help our economic diversity – and helping our neighbors through the change. But diversifying the community's economy takes time.

There will be no quick solutions. The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution calling on the Navajo Nation and the NGS owners and operator to come to terms to extend the lease of NGS and the subsequent decommissioning of the plant. This allows for time we desperately need for a measured transition of the area's economy.

Finally, the community that has serviced the facilities should not be ignored. The NGS owners and operator have a level of corporate responsibility to assist the region with that transition into a new economy.

New Elected Officials

Welcome to our New Elected Officials

Supervisor Jim Parks, District 4



Jim Parks is a retired cowboy from Flagstaff dedicated to issues relating to rural people, native people, farming and ranching, agriculture and the environment, and veterans of the Armed Forces.

He's an Arizona native and life-long resident with a very diverse ancestry.

"My ancestors arrived in the Tubac area from Spain about 1720," he said. "I also have ancestors who came from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, England and some were native Papago or Tohono Oodam people in Southern Arizona."

He moved to Flagstaff in 1974, after serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. After two years of studying at Northern Arizona University, he became a working cowboy, and later a ranch manager, working on ranches all over Arizona for the next 38 years. After spending his last working years at Babbitt Ranches in Northern Arizona, he retired in 2015.

The supervisor's life has always centered around agriculture. He is the grandson and great-grandson of ranchers, and the son of a farmer. He is a Past-President of the Coconino County Farm Bureau and Cattle Growers Association, was the former Chairman of Coconino Natural Resource Conservation District and member of Arizona Farm Bureau Board of Directors.

He and his wife, Vickie, have two daughters, four grand-children and 1 great-grandchild.

Sheriff Jim Driscoll



When Sheriff Jim Driscoll was sworn in earlier this year, he noted that one of the most important aspects of his office's service to the community was getting – and keeping – the confidence of the residents of Coconino County.

"Everything that we do as elected officials and

as law enforcement relies on public trust," he said. "It is vital that the public trusts the Sheriff's Office to be dedicated to performing our jobs professionally, ethically and respectfully. Every day we must work to earn and maintain that trust and to engage our community."

The Sheriff, a graduate of Northern Arizona University and the FBI National Academy, grew up in Flagstaff and has served the citizens throughout Coconino County for 43 years. He is committed to ensuring that his office continues to be a leader in law enforcement through technology, education, response to mental health issues, staff development and training.

Other priorities include competitive compensation for Sheriff's Office staff and adding personnel to better serve the community as it responds to the complexities of today's law enforcement, including crimes that cross jurisdictions, states, and even oceans; increasingly sophisticated cybercrime; and jails becoming the de facto place for those suffering from mental illness, addictions and health issues.

The Sheriff also is active in many professional and charitable organizations, including leadership roles on the boards of Arizona American Red Cross and Northern Arizona Big Brothers Big Sisters.

County Attorney Bill Ring



William Ring said he was very excited to return to the Coconino County Attorney's Office this year when he was sworn in as County Attorney. He first joined the County Attorney's Office in 1989, right after graduating from the University of Arizona's Rogers College of Law.

He handled every type of legal case during that first stint - criminal prosecutions, juvenile matters, civil forfeitures, and providing legal advice to County departments.

In 2001, he opened his own law firm which he operated for 12 years, specializing in land use law, a topic he also taught at Northern Arizona University for nine years. He returned to the county's office to head its Civil Division, and then ran for the top seat last year.

The mission of his office, he says, is to preserve

and protect our community's sense of justice. "We strive to make sure the citizens of Coconino County are confident that when an injustice occurs, this office will pursue remedies that are just, fair, well-reasoned and complete," he said. Additionally, his office provides the county and its boards and commissions with legal advice and representation as needed.

Ring and his wife, Lisa, have lived in Flagstaff for more than 25 years. They've raised three children here, and are deeply committed to making our community - already a wonderful place - ever better.

County Assessor Armando Ruiz



While newly elected to this position, County Assessor Armando Ruiz has worked for the County for almost two decades, most of that time within the Assessor's Office. Prior to his election, he was the Chief Deputy Assessor.

Ruiz describes himself as passionate about the work the of Assessor's

Office, which is responsible for locating, identifying, and valuing all property for *ad valorem* taxation within the County, noting that the office has an important role in the tax process and the impact it has in providing essential services to Coconino County communities. Ruiz Says, "I am very fortunate to work in such a great county that prides itself on collaboration and to work with an Assessor's staff that are both knowledgeable and dedicated to our citizens. Together, we will continue to meet the needs of our citizens and work to inspire the utmost confidence in our local government."

Assessor Ruiz is an Arizona native and had the privilege of growing up in Flagstaff. He enjoys the outdoors in and around Flagstaff with his wife Jaime, an elementary school teacher, and their dog Sampson. His interests include hiking, camping, fishing, archery and scenic photography.

He is also a member of the United Way of Northern Arizona's Community Investment Team, which reviews and evaluates programs funded by the United Way.

5th Annual Lance Davison Memorial High Country Stand Down

When: Friday, May 19, 2017 from 10 am to 3 pm

Where: Flagstaff Armory

Purpose: To help homeless and at-risk veterans with services ranging from hot meals to medical assistance to legal assistance (see main story).

Lance Davison: US Marine Corps Sgt. Lance Davison was a highly-decorated military officer who earned 16 commendations and medals, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He served one tour in Afghanistan and two in Iraq. He received a medical discharge in 2004 after being wounded in Iraq. In February 2014, Davison took his own life after an almost decade-long battle with post-traumatic stress disorder. He was buried with full military honors at Citizens Cemetery.

Sponsors/Partners: The Arizona Veterans Stand Down Alliance coordinated by the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness. In addition to the courts and ADOT, other groups sponsoring or providing services to the Stand Down are: Catholic Charities, the City of Flagstaff, the Social Security Administration, the state Department of Economic Security, the Arizona Coalition for Military Families, the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Veterans Resource Centers of America.

►►► If you are a business, non-profit or government entity that wishes to participate: Please call or email Steven Flanagan at 520-909-0891 or SMF289@nau.edu. To volunteer at the event, contact: Erin Kruse, 928-523-6585 or Erin.Kruse@nau.edu. For general information: Kendra Crawford 928-679-7164 or krcrawford@coconino.az.gov

Veterans 'Stand Down'

County Courts Helping Veterans at 'Stand Down' Event on May 19

On May 19, courts in Coconino County will continue an annual tradition when they work with at-risk veterans during the 5th Annual Lance Davison Memorial High Country Stand Down from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Flagstaff Armory.

"We want to be able to help them resolve their court cases and help them get back on track in their lives," said Judge Cathleen Brown Nichols, who presides over Superior Court Division 5.

Representatives from the Flagstaff Justice Court, Coconino County Superior Court, Clerk of Superior Court, Williams Justice Court, Williams Municipal Court and the Flagstaff Municipal Court will assist veterans with warrants issued out of those courts. They will be able to speak to a Judge

– without fear of arrest – and request their warrant be cancelled, arrange a payment plan, if applicable, or be scheduled for another court hearing.

"It is one of the most gratifying events to be able to participate in," said Judge Howard Grodman of the Flagstaff Justice Court.

Attorneys will also be present to answer legal questions that veterans may have. Representatives from the Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division will also be present to speak to Veterans about how to get their driver's licenses reinstated.

The main purpose of the Stand Down is to connect homeless and at-risk veterans and their families with the services they need. In addition to legal assistance, the event provides services including: hot

meals; hygiene kits; clothing and surplus; dental, vision, and medical assistance; notary service; haircuts; pet food and pet care; information and assistance with disability benefits, and improved pension and survivors' benefits.

►►► Stop by and see the Courts if you have any outstanding court case(s). If you have any questions regarding your court case(s) or the courts participation in the Stand Down event please contact Maia Rodriguez at 928-679-7675.



Representing Yourself in Court? Turn to AZCourtHelp

Coconino County Superior Court offers the AZCourtHelp program to enhance on-site and virtual resources for people representing themselves in court.

AZCourtHelp was created by the Arizona Supreme Court, which invited Coconino County Superior Court to pilot this statewide legal self-help program in 2015.

There are two major components aimed at solving access to justice challenge: the "Legal Talks" workshops on common legal issues for people representing themselves in court—and a statewide website.

Legal Talks cover issues including family law, DUIs, guardianship of minors and adults, probate and estate planning, consumer law, employee law, and landlord/tenant law. The Legal Talks occur weekly and are free to the public at the Coconino County Law Library.

The Legal Talks are also broadcasted live inviting people across the county and state to participate. Participants have the option to come in for the live Talk at the

Coconino County Law Library, at one of our receiving sites in Yavapai and Mohave County, or call in from anywhere by registering for the webinar at azcourthelp.org. This allows

virtually anyone in Arizona to participate in any Legal Talk.

This January was a milestone for the AZCourtHelp program with the launch of the website azcourthelp.org. A collaborative effort between the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education, the Arizona Supreme Court, and the Coconino County Superior Court, it is a user friendly resource for anyone needing legal assistance. The site includes information such as each county's



self-help forms, a legal glossary, information about each court in Arizona, live chat with a law librarian, and the Legal Talk schedule.

The AZCourtHelp program has grown tremendously since it started in 2015 and will continue to provide free legal support to anyone who needs it. Thank you to all the supporters and the Coconino County community who have helped AZCourtHelp achieve its success!

►►► For more information or the Legal Talk schedule, please visit azcourthelp.org.



AZCourtHelp.org



County Hailed By Feds As “Best Practice” Leader in Treatment of Mental Health, Substance Abuse Disorders

Coconino County, along with its community partners, has prioritized addressing the needs of people with mental health and substance abuse disorders outside of the criminal justice system for many years.

The reasons for doing so are now well accepted across the nation: Jailing people with these disorders, not only is the most expensive way to address these problems, it also is less effective than more humane options such as community treatment and rehabilitation.

Our regional success in this area was recently recognized when Coconino County was chosen as one of eight “Best Practice” communities nationwide by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the agency within the federal Department of Health and Human Services charged with reducing the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America’s communities.

SAMHSA representatives will come to Coconino County to study the programs and practices utilized locally to reduce unnecessary incarceration of those with mental health and substance abuse disorders. These programs have been implemented by numerous county agencies and departments as well as other partners such as the City of Flagstaff and Health Choices Integrated Care (HCIC), which provides behavioral health services to northern Arizona through its provider network.

Examples of successful programs that have been implemented locally include the Sheriff’s Office Exodus substance abuse treatment program, crisis intervention training provided to City and County law enforcement, Recovery Court, Mental Health Court, Terros Mobile Crisis Teams and a local crisis stabilization unit operated by the Guidance Center, a community mental health center.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council also has a subcommittee that addresses these issues by regularly convening community stakeholders from the criminal justice system, behavioral health and substance abuse treatment providers, and many others to share knowledge and collaborate on finding solutions in this area.

Coconino County also has several innovative initiatives on the horizon that are expected to help.

A new partnership with the County, the Jail District, and Northern Arizona University will begin soon that uses “big data” analytics techniques, criminal history records, jail and public health data, and other information from throughout the community to research and improve health interventions and build new models for effective treatment. In addition, the County is currently working with healthcare providers and researchers to study a variety of other issues expected to lead to better treatment alternatives in the community.

After completing its analysis of these and other programs, a team from Coconino County will serve as faculty at SAMHSA’s “Best Practices Implementation Academy” to be held in Washington, D.C. this summer. The Coconino County team will have the opportunity to share its expertise and ideas with jurisdictions from throughout the country who are hoping to find ways to duplicate the successes from Coconino County and the other seven “Best Practice” counties.

The selection of Coconino County by SAMHSA as a “Best Practice” community is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the caring professionals in the County and its local partners. The Board of Supervisors looks forward to helping other communities have the same successes we’ve had and improving the lives of individuals and families struggling with these illnesses.

New App for Human Services Generating Excitement

A task force that is part of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is developing an innovative app to cut some bureaucratic red tape and streamline the application process for government services and assistance



for some of our Coconino County’s most vulnerable citizens. And there is an exciting potential for the program to go beyond the county if it is successful.

The pilot program, called the Collective Impact Initiative, arose from observations that struggling residents were often applying for help from one county department, unaware that they were eligible for different services from other departments. Even if people were aware, they still faced the unnecessary burden of having to visit different offices and complete multiple applications for services. The process increases costs to the county and often led to poor outcomes for residents.

Establishing an effective means of providing human services is particularly crucial in Coconino County, where, adjusting for cost-of-living, 27 percent of county residents are living in poverty compared with 18 percent for the rest of Arizona.

Recognizing the opportunity to make accessing services easier, a task force was convened, including representatives from the Public Health Services District, Community Services, criminal and juvenile justice agencies, and several other departments. They shared expertise, collaborated, and created a plan to create a software application integrating several applications for county human services and into an app that could be used on a tablet or mobile device.

The process will be familiar if you’ve ever used a site to pre-qualify for a loan and then gotten multiple offers from financial

institutions.

Under the proposal, after the client submits the integrated application, the information is uploaded to multiple departments across the County and a preliminary eligibility determination made.

Within moments, clients can learn about all service they are eligible for.

The app, currently called the Common Application for Services (CAS), has been refined and improved by the task force by using an evidence-based survey instrument to help identify client needs, inform case plans and measure outcomes of the program.

The County believes that this process will help clients get back on their feet quicker by helping solve all their needs at once rather than the fragmented, piecemeal approach that often results from poor awareness and coordination of services. Residents will save time and reduce frustration by simplifying the process of obtaining services and avoiding unnecessary trips to different offices. At the same time, the County expects it will save taxpayer dollars as less staff time will be required to assist the same clients across county departments.

The project has already generated tremendous excitement in the community and interest from national organizations due to its potential. If the pilot is a success, the Collective Impact Initiative could be expanded to include services provided by nonprofits and others to create a seamless, more effective regional human services delivery system that can be duplicated in other communities nationwide.

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Liz Archuleta, a member of the CJCC Executive Committee, is meeting with the team to refine the project, test the CAS and resolve any remaining issues. With her leadership, it is hoped the CAS will debut soon.

Get an Inside Look at Law Enforcement with Citizens Police Academy



Participants get a close up look at an Arizona Department of Public Safety Air Rescue helicopter.

TV shows such as Sherlock, Homeland, Bones, Breaking Bad, Criminal Minds, Blue Bloods, NCIS, Orange is the New Black and many others often pique people's interest and curiosity about law enforcement, crime, and investigative techniques.

While these shows are exciting, they often give a Hollywood view of the world of law enforcement. We invite you to participate in Citizens Police Academy (CPA) to get to know first-hand how law enforcement agencies in northern Arizona serve our communities.

CPA is a 12-week program with most classes held on Wednesday evenings and some Saturday mornings at the Law Enforcement Administration Facility, 911 E. Sawmill Road, Flagstaff. There are several field trips to other locations as

well. Classes are a combination of lecture style and interactive experiences, and it's a great opportunity to meet many of the people who provide public safety 24-7.

Highlights of the program include:

- ▶ Tour the Coconino County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility
- ▶ Meet detectives who will walk you through investigations of felony crimes
- ▶ Gain awareness about domestic violence and learn about victim services
- ▶ Tour the Arizona Department of Public Safety crime lab
- ▶ Learn about Medical Examiner death investigations
- ▶ Discover the details of policing on campuses, such as Northern Arizona University
- ▶ Experience how law enforcement works DUI cases
- ▶ Learn about drug abuse detection and enforcement
- ▶ See a K-9 protection and drug detection unit in action
- ▶ Sit in the driver's seat of Coconino County Search and Rescue equipment
- ▶ Shake hands with the pilots of Arizona Department of Public Safety Air Rescue Unit
- ▶ Understand how crimes are prosecuted
- ▶ Watch how the 911 center coordinates and dispatches calls and emergencies
- ▶ Participate in driving simulation and firearms safety
- ▶ Recognize how you and your family can be situationally aware
- ▶ Discover what is involved in special unit responses such as the "bomb squad"
- ▶ Enjoy a graduation celebration at the end of your class

The primary purpose of the CPA is to build and strengthen a partnership of trust and shared responsibility between community members and Northern Arizona law enforcement. Community members gain a better understanding of the services provided by law enforcement and how and why officers make decisions during their duties.

Other opportunities include shadowing a dispatcher in the 911 center and riding along with an officer or deputy for part of a shift to see first-hand what it is like in a day in the life of a dispatcher, police officer and deputy. Many graduates also go on to complete our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. Some choose to volunteer in a civilian capacity with a law enforcement agency.

We hope to see you in the next Citizens Police Academy scheduled for Fall 2017. You must be enrolled to attend, but the application and classes are free of charge. You can get more information and download an application for the academy at coconino.az.gov/SheriffCPA.

Citizens Police Academy was first started by the Flagstaff Police Department almost 20 years ago and is now sponsored by four northern Arizona agencies. The Coconino County Sheriff's Office, Flagstaff Police Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Northern Arizona University Police Department partner to conduct this program twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. The CPA has had close to 1,000 graduates over the years and we look forward to even more citizens participating in this program in the years to come.

"Smart" Jail Solutions Improve Communication, Education for Inmates

For several years, the Coconino County Sheriff's Office has been dedicated to using innovative ways to turn what could be idle time in jail into productive, engaging time. Technology has been a part of that effort for programming and security in the jail.

The Coconino County Jail has added tablets to the mix of inmate programs. This common communication platform, a familiar tool people use in everyday life, is provided by a private contractor and allows for positive, manageable inmate activities.

Tablets are made available in common areas of the jail and can be "checked out" for use by inmates. A proprietary security software filters inmate's access to authorized web content.

Inmates can use the tablets to view approved websites to access national news, sports, weather, approved games and movies, and other applications. They also can access self-help resources and legal information. The inmate rulebook, facility information, and jail program fliers can be viewed on the tablets.

Inmates also can use the tablets to connect with friends and family. By logging onto Gettingout.com, they can share messages and photos with friends and family. Future plans include a tablet version of video visitation. Enhancing inmate's ability to communicate and connect with loved ones can aid in successful reentry.

Currently there are 38 tablets available

for shared use by inmates throughout the Flagstaff and Page detention facilities. In February 2017, inmates used the tablets for a total of 165,860 minutes: 67,581 minutes were paid use, and 6,238 free use. The top websites visited by our inmates were USAToday.com, ESPN.com and Newsweek.com.

Access to many of the self-help sites on the tablets is free and access to music or games are \$.05 per minute. That money goes to the Inmate Welfare Fund, which directly supports health and welfare of inmates.

Other programs provided in our Detention Facility include Exodus (a comprehensive in-custody drug and alcohol treatment program), life skills

classes, religious studies, library services, anger management classes, inmate work programs, and health and recreation opportunities. The tablets enhance many of these programs as well as build upon the successes of other technology uses such as video visitation.

The Coconino County Sheriff's Detention Facility provides a safe and secure environment for inmates and staff, while guaranteeing the constitutional rights of those being held. Our philosophy is not only to provide for a safe and secure facility but also to help initiate positive change in the lives of inmates. These objectives are important components of enhancing community safety and quality of life.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Create a Plan

Coconino County Emergency Management encourages residents to be prepared for extreme events that can disrupt our lives for short or long-term periods of time.

Winter storms, tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, flash flooding, wildland fires, and earthquakes are just a some of the hazards facing our communities. We encourage county residents to prepare for these events should they result in an emergency or disaster.

Below are some of key items to consider:

- ▶ How evacuation alerts and warnings are delivered.
- ▶ How to find evacuation routes and shelter location information.
- ▶ How evacuated residents will contact family members and friends.
- ▶ Planning ahead for care of livestock and pets, and take steps to help secure your home and property.

There are four easy steps you can follow to ensure you're prepared:

- 1 Have a family emergency evacuation plan, including escape routes, a designated meeting point and a relative or friend to report to if your family gets separated.
- 2 Prepare a "Go Kit" to supply your need of food, water, clothing medications, pet food and miscellaneous personal items for the next 72 hours.
- 3 Stay informed during the emergency via the Emergency Alert System (EAS) through the radio, television, NOAA weather radio and the County's Emergency Notification System, Code Red. Residents can also call the Emergency Hotline at (888) 679-8393 (operational during emergencies).
- 4 Volunteer your time as part of our disaster response. Citizens can become part of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or become involved with the American Red Cross.

Receive Emergency Notifications



Registering with our CodeRED Emergency Notification System makes staying informed with the latest emergency updates and notifications easy. Users can receive the latest updates on home and cell phones, text and e-mail messages or via the free CodeRED Mobile Alert smartphone app.

Go to www.coconino.az.gov/emergency and click on the CodeRED "Sign Up" button to set up an account and choose how you want to receive your emergency alerts. Opting into CodeRED Weather Warning will allow you to receive geographically targeted notifications on potentially dangerous weather conditions like tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

Those with questions about CodeRED or who need assistance signing up for the free service can contact the Coconino County Department of Emergency Management at (928) 679-8311.

County Individual Development Grants Helping Entrepreneurs, Post-Secondary Students

The County's Individual Development Account (IDA) program is helping lower income residents achieve their dreams and add to our local economy in ways ranging from helping to launch a small business or defraying the costs of a post-secondary education. Please contact the county's Community Services Department to find out if you are eligible for one of these accounts.

Start or Expand a Small Business with a County IDA grant

Tyler Allenbaugh was working at Late for the Train and chatting with customer Art Babbott (Supervisor, District 1) when the barista mentioned the small business he wanted to start. He had property in the greater-Flagstaff area that he wanted to build a small-scale farm on, but needed help. Babbott urged him to reach out to Coconino County Community Services (CCCS) and apply for the Individual Development Account (IDA) program.

Allenbaugh was accepted into the program and began saving his earned income to start his business.

He saved \$2,000 and met other requirements for a \$4,000 IDA business grant, which turned his \$2,000 investment into \$6,000 of materials.

He immediately began constructing three greenhouses as part of his business, Flagstaff Family Farm. The greenhouses will enable him to extend his growing season into the colder months and provide Flagstaff with locally grown vegetables and greens for more than 10 months a year. Allenbaugh's sales projections show the greenhouse expansion will increase his sales revenue by 23% annually.

"On behalf of the Flagstaff Family Farm I would like to thank the IDA Grant Team for selecting me as an awardee of the IDA

business grant," Allenbaugh said. "Everyone on the grant team was so helpful and supportive in every step in the process. It has been a wonderful experience!"

To receive an IDA match savings business grant you must have an approved business plan. CCCS, in partnership with the Small Business Development Center, offers those who need a business plan its Basic Business Empowerment (BBE) training. The summer session for this 12-week / 36-hour training is scheduled to start May 16 and costs \$125.

County \$ave2Learn Expands

Many people dream of attaining a college degree or certificate but feel

this goal is out of reach due to lack of finances. Even more discouraging is when they start saving toward this goal but give up because it seems so distant and unattainable.

If this sounds like you or someone

you know, Coconino County has a great opportunity for you – an Individual Development Account (IDA) that allows qualifying lower-income / lower-asset individuals to save their earned income for post-secondary education with matching local and federal grant funds.

The \$ave2Learn program allows the participant pursuing a certificate or degree from any accredited post-secondary institution in Arizona, to save up to \$1,000 and receive a \$3,000 match, giving them \$4,000 total for needed tuition, books, supplies and fees. The expansion to all accredited post-secondary institutions is a major advancement for this program.

▶▶▶ If the BBE (www.coconino.az.gov/bbe) or IDA (www.coconino.az.gov/ida) opportunities could be helpful to you or someone you know, please contact Program Manager Scott Neuman, 928-679-7463.



Caring for Our Seniors in the County

Community Services Senior Service Program has a dedicated staff to assist seniors and older adults with information and referral on programs throughout Coconino County, including:

Flagstaff & Williams

- ▶ Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals Program
- ▶ Homecare Services
- ▶ Transportation Programs

County-Wide

- ▶ Benefits Checkup
- ▶ Medicare Savings Benefits
- ▶ Home Repairs and Heating Programs

We also offer home visits to provide specific program information. Income eligibility, proof of income, and/or need is required.

Community Services is a designated Community Action Agency and thus is eligible to receive your donations through the State Charitable Tax Credit. A person filing singly can contribute up to \$400 and a couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$800 and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit.

▶▶▶ For more information contact Melinda Tracey, (982) 679-7450.

Financial Empowerment – Invest in yourself!

Coconino County Community Services offers Financial Empowerment training to make budgeting easy and fun. In our workshops, you'll learn basic money management tools and discover what you believe about money - and how to change those beliefs to create a more abundant and expansive financial life for you and your family.

Part of having success in managing your finances is tracking what income you have and what expenses are going out.

We all know that sometimes tracking our spending can require going through receipts and piles of paper. This can be a challenge, but knowing what income you have and what expenses are coming up before they are due can reduce your stress and help you sleep better at night.

The good news is there are new approaches to money management using free apps. Here are two popular options:

Mint.com - This app works on iOS, Android and Windows. It will track your earnings, spending and expenses and - even better - can sync with all your bank accounts. An overview section lets you access account totals, credit score, and alerts for when you go over budget and spending, all broken down by category.

Mint will show your cash flow in real time including expenses and credit card debt. It will analyze your spending habits and help you pinpoint where you can save.

GoodBudget - Available in iOS and Android platforms, this app is similar to the money management "envelope system" and puts allocated amounts of cash into virtual envelopes, then tracks your expenses and let you know how much is left in each category.

These are just two examples of what is available to make tracking your expenses easier and more fun.

If you are interested in learning more about money management and how to create a better financial life for yourself, go to www.coconino.az.gov under the Community Services/Social Services tab and check out our schedule of monthly workshops in Flagstaff, Williams, Page and Fredonia.

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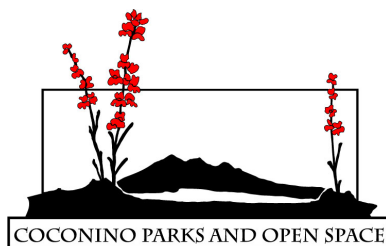
Coconino Parks & Recreation



Fort Tuthill County Park Expands

Over 20 years of hard work, planning and community collaboration came to fruition in October 2016 when Coconino County placed the winning bid at public auction on 220 acres of Arizona State Trust Land. The land acquisition was funded by Coconino Parks and Open Space, a 2002 voter-approved initiative that accumulated \$33 million for open space acquisition and park development. Many outdoor and recreation groups showed their support and attended the auction that was held on the County Courthouse steps.

This new addition, located north of the park and south of Mountain Dell, includes portions of the Soldiers Trail and serves as an important community recreational hub. AZ Department of Forestry and Fire Management was in the process of developing a forest treatment that includes



both hand and mechanical thinning to increase forest health and reduce wildfire risk. With the recent acquisition, Parks & Recreation will now conduct forest thinning on the area situated as a wildland urban interface, thereby improving community safety. Work crews will be on-site marking the trees and selectively thinning the area

this summer. The Fort Tuthill Thinning Project is a collaborative effort between Coconino County, AZ Department of Forestry & Fire Management, and the Greater Flagstaff Forests Partnership.

Fort Tuthill County Park and Soldiers Trail will remain open during the project although intermittent trail and area closures will occur to ensure public safety. The result will be a healthier forest that will reduce wildfire risk to the human and biological communities. Parks & Rec will be posting more information on the project on our website.

Fort Tuthill Historic Quad Restoration

Last fall, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors approved Phase II of the historic Fort Tuthill Quad Restoration. The project involves a new surface to the historic Quad, home of the annual Coconino County Fair, and will consist of decomposed granite sections and concrete walkways. The walkways will feature chevrons (the insignia used by the military for rank designation) sandblasted into the concrete, thus tying in with the military history of the fort. Other features will include a courtyard green space and seating area, shade trees along the sidewalks, landscape improvements, lighting and site furnishings. Be on the lookout for a whole new look in time for the County Fair this Labor Day weekend!

Cataract Lake County Park

Cataract Lake County Park, managed by the City of Williams Parks and Recreation, is a great place for fishing or for hosting your next get-together.



Cataract Lake County Park

Two ramadas are available for reservation by calling the City of Williams, (928) 635-1496, with prices ranging from \$35-50 per day. Arizona Game and Fish stocks trout at the high-elevation Cataract Lake, and with the stocking schedule set for mid-March, spring is a great time to get your fishing license and head over there.

►►► You can learn more at the City of Williams website (http://williamsaz.gov/parks_and_rec.html).



FORT TUTHILL COUNTY PARK
THE QUAD - NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Coming Attractions

- ▶ We are excited to announce that for the first time, Overland Expo WEST is coming to Fort Tuthill County Park. The expo features more than 250 exhibitors, 170 classes and demonstrations, a film festival and more. May 12 to 14. For more information, www.overlandexpo.com/west/.
- ▶ Save the date for the 2017 Coconino County Fair, September 1-4 at the Fort Tuthill County Park Fairgrounds
- ▶ Check out our website, <http://www.coconino.az.gov/274/Parks-Recreation>, for upcoming programs like summer camp and special events.

AWWE-some Summer Watchable Wildlife Series

Want to get to know the wildlife of Northern Arizona? Check out Arizona Watchable Wildlife Experience's (AWWE) AWWE-some Summer Series, every third Saturday of the month May - August. Both Pumphouse and Rogers Lake County Natural Areas are part of the summer series, where visitors join local wildlife experts for a guided watchable wildlife experience. Visit AZWatchableWildlife.com for more information. AWWE is a partnership of five organizations that includes Coconino County Parks and Recreation, and encourages public enjoyment of watchable wildlife sites in the greater Flagstaff area.

Snow Tubing and Zip Lines

This winter saw a new partner at Fort Tuthill County Park. Flagstaff Snow Park began operations in December 2016 and hosted over 18,000 people during their first season. Visitors enjoyed tubing runs and the fare from food trucks.

Flagstaff Extreme Adventure Course was busy this winter adding a new feature. The Adventure Zip Lines are an elevated obstacle course suspended 15-80 feet off the ground and zip over the Flagstaff Snow Park. There are 30 zip lines total, in addition to their Tree Top Adventure Course.

Fort Tuthill Bike Park Gets New Features

What's a skinny? How about a roller? These are two types of "features" that

park staff are building at Fort Tuthill Bike Park that will help riders gain skills and become more confident in their mountain biking when they head out on area trails. Coconino County Parks & Recreation staff and members from American Conservation Experience are working on these new features which will be ready for this year's riding season. Construction of this phase of the bike park is funded by Flagstaff Biking Organization and their sponsors.

Save the Date

Coconino
County Fair
September 1-4



Protect Against the Zika Virus

With spring here and the summer months approaching, health officials advise taking precautions to protect against Zika virus.

Zika is a mosquito-borne disease that is primarily spread by the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito. Although this mosquito species has not been found in Coconino County, many areas in the United States, including areas in Arizona, have the type of mosquitoes that can spread Zika. It can also be transmitted through sexual contact with someone infected with the disease, mother to baby transmission, and in rare cases, through blood transfusions.

As of April 5th, there have been 57 travel-associated Zika cases confirmed in Arizona and no local mosquito-borne transmission. A total of 5,179 cases of Zika virus have been reported in the United States. Of these, 4,901 are associated with travelers returning from affected areas abroad, and 222 cases have been locally acquired in the U.S. (Florida, 216; Texas, 6).

About 1 in 5 people infected with Zika virus become ill. The most common

symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, or conjunctivitis. Other common symptoms include muscle pain and headache. The illness is usually mild, with symptoms lasting for several days to a week. Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and deaths are rare.

Zika virus has been linked to birth defects such as microcephaly, a rare neurological condition in which an infant's brain is not fully developed. Doctors have also found other problems in pregnancies and among fetuses and infants infected with Zika virus before birth. Because of the possible risks associated with pregnancy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends special precautions for pregnant women and women trying to become pregnant.

- ▶ Pregnant women should not travel to areas with Zika. If travel to one of these areas cannot be avoided, women are encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider first and strictly

follow steps to prevent mosquito bites. Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html> to learn more about areas with active Zika.

- ▶ Pregnant women who have a partner who lives in or has traveled to an area with Zika, should take steps to protect themselves during sex such as using condoms or abstaining from sex.
- ▶ Pregnant women who have traveled to an affected area recently or had sex with someone who has recently traveled to an affected region should contact their primary care physician for advice and testing.

One way Zika can be prevented is by avoiding mosquito bites. The CDC offers the following suggestions:

- ▶ Use EPA-registered insect repellent.
- ▶ Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- ▶ Use screens on the windows and door.
- ▶ Remove standing water around your home.

Because Zika virus can also be spread through sexual transmission, certain precautions should be followed.

- ▶ Use condoms to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- ▶ After becoming infected, women can spread the virus for up to eight weeks, and men can spread the virus for up to six months. Use protection consistently within these time frames.
- ▶ Stay up to date on areas where Zika may be circulating and avoid traveling to Zika infected areas, especially for pregnant women. To learn more about active Zika areas, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html>.

▶▶▶ More information is available on the Coconino County Public Health Services District website at www.coconino.az.gov/health.



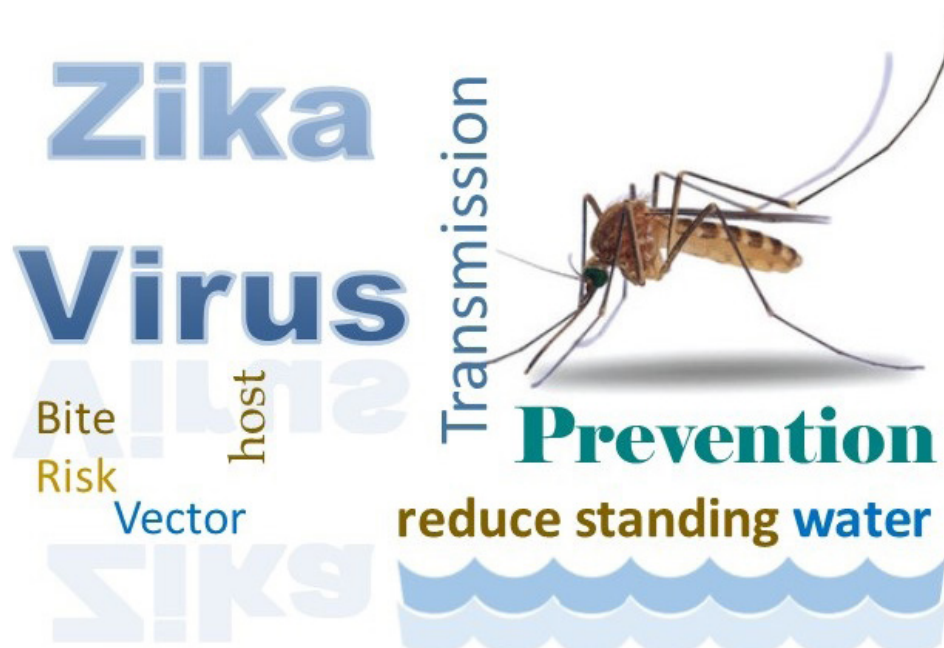
New Dog Licensing Program Begins

Effective this year, dog license tags issued by the Coconino County Public Health Services District (CCPHSD) are the permanent tag for the life of the pet. The tag number is associated with the specific dog until the dog passes away or the dog changes owner.

Dog owners will continue to be billed for a 1, 2 or 3-year license. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. Fees for 1, 2 and 3 year licenses are as follows.

- ▶ 1 year altered - \$12.00
- ▶ 2 year altered - \$20.00
- ▶ 3 year altered - \$30.00
- ▶ 1 year unaltered - \$25.00
- ▶ 2 year unaltered - \$40.00
- ▶ 3 year unaltered - \$60.00

▶▶▶ Please contact CCPHSD Animal Management at (928) 679-8756 for more information.



Kudos for County Snow Removal Team this Winter

"I would like to extend a sincere 'thank you' to the road crews who performed snow removal during this latest winter storm..." - Mountaineer

"It's the best plowing job that I've seen in 20 years of living out here..." - Kachina Village

"Thanks to your team for doing such a great job with snow removal and cindering operations..." - Kachina Village

"Thanks to the snow plow driver who works in our area. He did a great job of clearing my cul-de-sac..." - Baderville

SIX DAYS OF SNOW

Public Works Keeps Coconino County Moving During Region's 10th Largest Snowstorm



Public Works' snow removal and cindering team was at full deployment for almost a week in response to the region's 10th largest recorded snowstorm. Crews worked 24/7 January 19-25 to keep 700 miles of County roads open through a trio of storms that dumped three feet of snow across northern Arizona.

Navajo Nation Road Surfacing Project Completed

The Navajo Nation Road Surfacing Project was completed in fall 2016. This Prop. 403-funded project, which began last August, added much-needed road surfacing material to sections of four well-traveled Bureau of Indian Affairs school bus routes - N21, N70, N6720 and N6732 - as well as sections of N6812, N6910, N6932 and N6933.

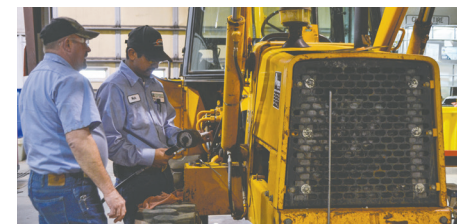
These bus routes have areas with a high clay content that make them very susceptible to moisture, which creates muddy driving conditions and hinders travel during and after inclement weather.

More than 11,000 cubic yards (550 truckloads) of material was used to surface about 11.5 miles of these roads. This major effort was completed with no safety incidents.



Heavy Equipment Mechanic Trainee Program Gears Up

This year Public Works began its new Heavy Equipment Mechanic Trainee Program. This innovative hands-on training program allows novice mechanics to learn how to maintain Public Works' diverse fleet of road maintenance equipment that includes semi-trucks, loaders, graders and snowplows while being mentored by some of the best and most experienced mechanics in the state. This program is designed to address long-term issues with vacant heavy equipment mechanic positions at Public Works. The goal of this program is to help the department grow and retain its own experienced heavy equipment mechanics well into the future.



Trainee Nate Martin (right) works on a grader under the supervision of Heavy Equipment Mechanic Kraig Ziegler



Heavy Equipment Mechanic Marvin Williams (left) guides Trainee Dominick Manygoats during a grader repair

New Prop. 403-Funded Equipment Helps Get the Job Done!

Prop. 403 has allowed the County to invest \$2.7 million this fiscal year in much-needed new equipment to support road maintenance. Equipment delivered to Public Works so far, which includes three motor graders and two 5,500-gallon stainless steel water trailers, will replace old equipment that has greatly exceeded its lifespan.



Prop. 403 CIP Projects for Spring 2017

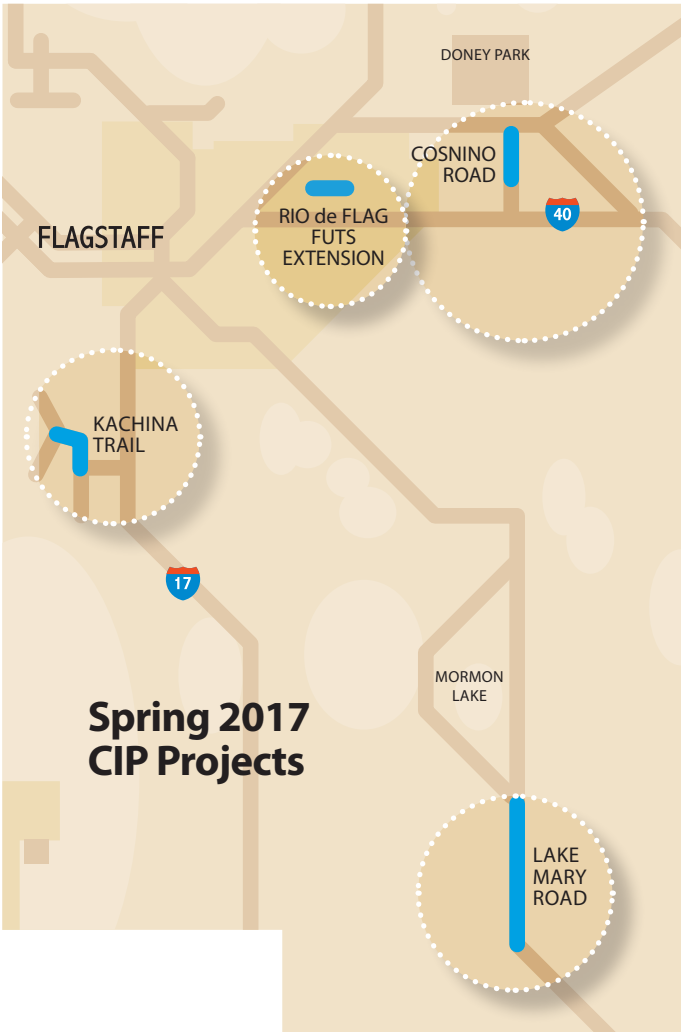
Four more CIP projects are scheduled for spring 2017

The **Cosnino Road Pavement Project** includes pavement rehabilitation, installation of widened shoulders for multimodal use on the road's northern section and limited localized drainage improvements along the deteriorated 1.3-mile stretch of Cosnino Road between Townsend-Winona Road and the U.S. Forest Service boundary just north of the train tracks. Utility relocation and drainage work for this project was completed last fall. For more information please visit www.coconino.az.gov/CosninoRoadProject.

The **Kachina Trail Reconstruction Project** includes reconstructing the roadway, widening shoulders for multimodal use, utility relocation and the removal of the median on Kachina Trail from the intersection with Kachina Boulevard to the bridge near Ancient Trail. Utility relocation work for this project was substantially completed last fall. For more information please visit www.coconino.az.gov/KachinaTrailProject.

The **Lake Mary Road Reconstruction Project** includes reconstructing the roadway and widening shoulders for multimodal use along more than five miles of Lake Mary Road. Another two miles of Lake Mary Road will be milled and overlaid. In addition, the superstructure and decking of the Willow Valley Creek Bridge will be replaced as part of this project. For more information please visit www.coconino.az.gov/LakeMaryRoadProject.

The **Rio de Flag Flagstaff Urban Trails System (FUTS) Extension Project** extends the trail system along the Rio de Flag in eastern Flagstaff. Phase 1 of the project, which was completed last winter, included construction of the FUTS trail. Phase 2 of the project continues this spring with restoration of the trail's adjacent slopes so that they emulate the natural surrounding landscape. For more information please visit www.coconino.az.gov/RiodeFlagProject.



Cosnino Road Pavement Project



Kachina Trail Reconstruction Project



Lake Mary Road Reconstruction Project



Rio de Flag FUTS Extension Project (above and below)

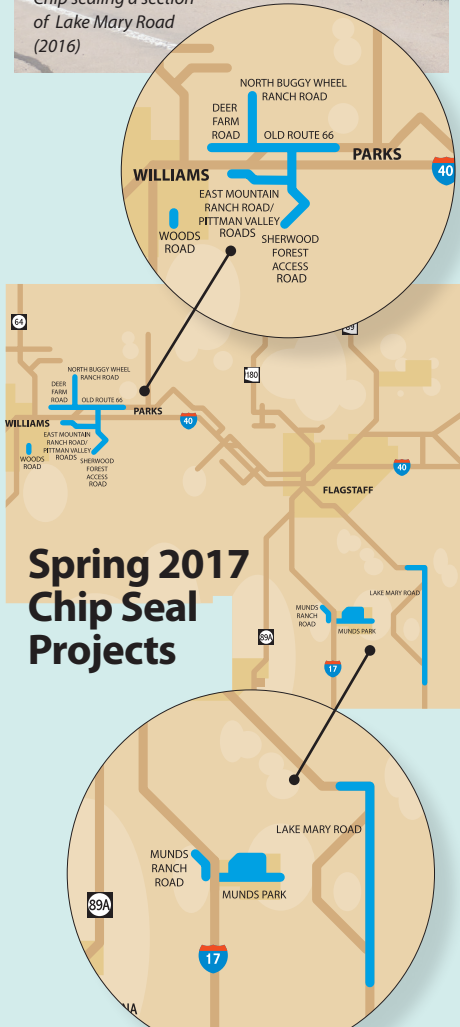


Prop. 403 Chip Seal Projects On Deck for 2017

The County plans chip seal and pavement preservation projects along 48 miles of paved County roads this season. Chip sealing is used as a preventative measure to protect asphalt. This year's projects include a section of Lake Mary Road, the Munds Park area and roads in the Pittman Valley area between Williams and Parks.



Chip sealing a section of Lake Mary Road (2016)





County Flood Control District Update

Last year the Coconino County Flood Control District (FCD) completed Initial Engineering Assessments (IEAs) in four areas deemed "Special Flood Hazard Areas" by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An IEA is a tool that the FCD uses to better understand flood risks so that initial, conceptual flood mitigation alternatives can be identified and evaluated.

Based on the IEA information, the FCD Board of Directors approved preliminary engineering and feasibility studies for two Capital Improvement Projects: the Mountain Dell/Sinclair Wash Drainage Improvement Project and the Munds Park/Munds Wash Channel Improvement Project.

The **Mountain Dell/Sinclair Wash Drainage Improvement Project** improves the

drainage to accommodate a 100-year flood event. When completed, the project will remove 23 homes and the community's water system from the floodplain. A key requirement of this project is securing the drainage easements from private property owners. If drainage easements are secured this year and funds are available, then the FCD will complete the engineering.

The **Munds Park/Munds Wash Channel Improvement Project** would allow floodwater to leave the area more quickly thus lowering the depth of the floodwater in Munds Park. The key element of this project is working with several agencies (Arizona Department of Transportation, Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Forest Service) to determine feasibility. Engineering would

Sinclair Wash in Mountain Dell

be completed when funds are available. For more information about the FCD please visit www.coconino.az.gov/FloodControlDistrict.



Munds Park flooding

FEMA Floodplain Remapping & Risk Maps

Since 2003, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has led a major effort to update the nation's flood maps to reflect current flood risks. State-of-the-art technology allows for updated mapping to better inform property owners of their flood risks and flood insurance requirements.

The Flood Control District received a grant in 2012 to re-evaluate floodplain mapping in Munds Park and Kachina Village/Mountanaire. Consultants conducted new analyses by using updated technology and LIDAR mapping and submitted this new map data to FEMA for review.

FEMA is expected to publish the draft maps for public review in June or July, which will initiate the formal appeal process that includes public review. Once these maps are published, the FCD will hold meetings in these communities so that residents and business owners can understand the latest flood risk information and how it might affect insurance rates for their properties.

Community Cleanup Voucher Program Kicks Off this Spring

For years Public Works hosted three Regional Community Cleanups each spring to give County residents the opportunity to dispose of household waste, green waste and other materials free of charge at designated collection areas. These annual Cleanups, which were held at the City of Flagstaff Cinder Lake Landfill, Willard Springs Transfer Station and the City of Williams Transfer Station were very popular. As one-day events, however, many residents were unable to attend due to holidays, busy springtime schedules and other commitments.

Starting this year, the County will give full- and part-time residents a wider timeframe to dispose of materials for free by moving to a Community Cleanup Voucher Program. Under this self-serve program, each County property that received a

Regional Community Cleanup event flyer in years past will now receive two "Cleanup Vouchers" along with a flyer that lists their valid time frame as well as accepted and prohibited waste. Each voucher is good to deposit one (1) pickup truck- or standard trailer-load of solid waste free of charge at its designated transfer station or landfill. Best of all, these vouchers can be used anytime during regular business hours over a designated three-week period between May and June.

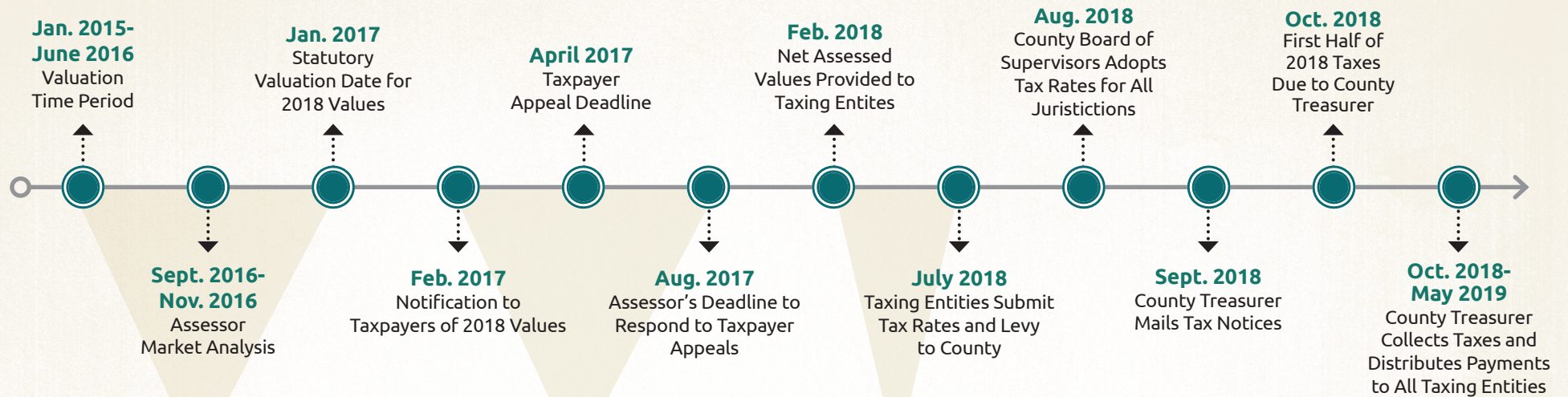
The new Community Cleanup Voucher Program is community driven. In fact, 80 percent of surveyed Cleanup event attendees indicated that they would prefer vouchers over one-day events to allow them more options to dispose of spring cleaning waste and also to prepare for wildfire season



by getting rid of leaves and pine needle accumulations from their properties.

Community Cleanup Vouchers must be presented to the landfill/transfer station attendant at the time the solid waste is deposited. To avoid longer wait lines,

residents are encouraged to use their vouchers closer to the middle of the three-week period rather than at the beginning or the end of the period. For more information about the Community Cleanup Voucher Program please visit www.coconino.az.gov/SolidWasteDivision.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Valuation Time Period

- The property valuation process begins in September using sales information from the prior 18 months. (January 2015 through June 2016 for the 2018 tax year)
- Sales information is analyzed and preliminary values are submitted to the Arizona Department of Revenue for review to assure statutory compliance by December 1.
- Final values for are set and approved by the department of Revenue for all properties in Coconino County.
- Annual Notice of Value must be printed and mailed by the statutory deadline of March 1 every year.

Taxpayer Appeals Process

- An Annual Notice of Value is sent to each property owner no later than March 1 every year for the next tax year.
- Property Owners have 60 days, as printed on the Annual Notice of Value, to file an appeal with the County Assessor's Office.
- The Assessor must rule on all appeals no later than August 15.
- If the owner does not agree with the Assessor's decision, he/she may appeal to the Board of Equalization within 25 days from the mail date printed on the Assessor Notice of Decision or directly to Tax Court before December 15.
- The Board of Equalization decision will be mailed to the property owner no later than October 19.

Taxing Entities Set Rates

- When it comes to setting tax rates, each taxing entity is responsible for setting its own rates through the public hearing process. For example, school taxes are determined by the elected school board of each individual school district. Fire district governing boards also set their own rates for taxpayers living within their boundaries and receiving their services.
- Once tax rates are adopted by those agencies, they are forwarded to Coconino County to be used in calculating the property tax bill of each property owner.
- Coconino County also holds a public meeting, including a Truth in Taxation hearing, on the second Tuesday in July to set the property tax levy that will be assessed for the County General Fund.

Property Tax Assistance Programs

Property Tax Assistance Programs include widow/widower exemption, disabled person exemption, and senior property valuation protection.

► Widow/Widower and Disabled Persons Individual Exemption:

- Reduces the assessed value of individually owned real estate, mobile home or automobile. Age, income and other eligibility requirements apply.
- Applications are accepted January 1 through March 1 annually.

► Senior Property Valuation Protection:

- Freezes the limited property value of a Primary Residence owned by seniors 65+ years of age. Age, income and other eligibility requirements apply.
- Applications are accepted January 1 through September 1 annually.

To learn more about Property Tax Assistance programs please visit www.coconino.az.gov/ Assessor or call the Assessor's Office at (928) 679-7972 or toll free at (877) 679-7120.

COUNTY TREASURER PROPERTY TAX NOTICES AND PAYMENT

The Coconino County Treasurer's Office mails all real and personal property tax notices and collects all property taxes for the state, county, incorporated cities and towns, school districts, and special districts located within the county.

Each taxing jurisdiction adopts their individual budget and approves their own tax rates. The benefit of the County Treasurer serving as the ex-officio tax collector is that it relieves individual taxing jurisdictions from having to bill and collect their own taxes and relieves

taxpayers from receiving multiple tax bills.

Annual property tax notices are issued on a calendar year basis and covers January through December. Taxpayers have the option to pay their annual taxes in two equal installments. The first installment is due by November 1, 2016 and the second installment is due by May 1, 2017. Taxpayers can also pay in one full payment by December 31, 2016. Tax bills of \$100 or less have to be paid in full by December 31, 2016.

Taxpayers can pay their taxes in person,

by mail, or online. Visit www.coconino.az.gov/treasurer to learn more. If a property owner finds it easier, the Treasurer's Office will also accept partial payments to work toward the amount due by each payment date of current taxes.

►►► To learn more about property taxes and payment options please visit www.coconino.az.gov/treasurer or call the Treasurer's Office at (928) 679-8188 or toll free at (877) 500-1818.

Coconino County Career Center

Arizona@Work - Coconino County: Connecting People and Jobs



Innovative Workforce Solutions

The Coconino County Career Center is a proud partner of the Arizona@Work Workforce System. With locally based services, the Career Center is a leader in the network to connect people and jobs. By helping businesses succeed and grow, the groundwork is being set for a stronger Coconino County economy. The Coconino Career Center,

and partners, are ready with innovative workforce solutions.

How We Can Help Job Seekers:

- ▶ Posting your resume on the statewide job database
- ▶ Providing career guidance and assessment

Internship Opportunities in Page

Seniors from Page High School have the opportunity to begin to build their resume with interviewing skills and work experience before they graduate.

The Coconino Career Center is partnering with the Transition School to Work program in Page to offer internship opportunities to ten students. These students will leave high school with strong foundational work skills they will learn while working with local businesses and in the school district.

They will work up to 15 hours per week earning \$10.00 per hour, and will work for several months. Work hours will be adjusted when needed to focus on school, helping students learn how to balance school and work schedules.

The Career Center Workforce Development Specialists based in Flagstaff travel to Page to work one-on-one with these students, their teachers, and counselors to help them meet internship goals. These goals include learning essential soft skills, occupation skills and career exploration.

Along with setting goals, students will be exposed to different career tracks, take on new responsibilities, and begin to network with community employers, all of which will add value to both their resume and their college application.

Plans are in the works to set up internships for students in Fredonia.

▶▶▶ For more information on internship opportunities in Coconino County contact the Coconino Career Center at 928-679-7400.

- ▶ Matching you with job opportunities that are the right fit for your skills and experience
- ▶ Preparing you with customized training, education and skills development
- ▶ Hosting hiring events where you can connect with employers
- ▶ Assisting with specialized services for veterans, disabled job seekers and others
- ▶ Directing you to social services, if needed

How We Can Help Employers:

- ▶ Job Posting – Employers can directly access the state's largest workforce database with thousands of job seekers and job listings: www.AZJobConnection.gov
- ▶ Candidate Matching and Pre-Screening - Arizona@Work can find and match job candidates who meet an employer's key hiring criteria, conducting initial evaluations to identify experience levels and skill sets.
- ▶ Skill Assessments - Using a variety of tools to assess everything from basic reading and writing skills to computer proficiency, the Career Center and partners can help identify qualified candidates for job openings.
- ▶ Hiring Events – Arizona@Work regularly hosts hiring events, providing an opportunity for connection with available, interested and skilled applicants.
- ▶ Special Recruitment Services - Provision of interview space and other customized services, such as helping companies that come to Arizona and need to hire many employees quickly.
- ▶ Arizona@Work Service Access Sites in Coconino County include one comprehensive center, one affiliate site, and a specialty site. There are also various access points throughout Coconino County where

customers can utilize Arizona@Work or the Arizona Job Connection system via the internet to ensure access to services whether in person or online.

- ▶ Comprehensive One-Stop is located at the Arizona Department of Economic Security at 1701 North Fourth Street in Flagstaff. Career Center and other partners' staff are based at this location, which includes a computer lab, staff assistance for job search, interview practice, and resume development.
- ▶ The Job Connection at Goodwill is the designated affiliate site for the Arizona@Work System. The Job Connection is located at 4308 Historic Route 66, Flagstaff in Arizona. This site has a computer lab, and staff assisted job search and special workshops.
- ▶ Mercado de los Suenos or the Marketplace of Dreams, 2543 E. 7th Street in Flagstaff, is the specialty center for the Arizona@Work system. It provides Sunnyside residents, who are predominately minorities and bilingual, with the ability to access services designed to decrease unemployment, support entrepreneurs in starting their own business, decrease poverty rates and deliver streamlined services that promote self-sufficiency. This location also has a computer lab.
- ▶ There are also electronic access points in the county, including the Fredonia, Page, Williams and Flagstaff public libraries and the Department of Economic Security office in Page on 1057 Vista Ave.

▶▶▶ For more information, go to www.arizonaatwork.com or email careercenter@coconino.az.gov.

National Certification Course: A Success Story for Local Residents



Maintenance Professionals are the glue that holds an apartment community together. Earning an Apartment Maintenance Technician National Certification has put 12 unemployed Flagstaff residents on the road to success right here in Coconino County.

Coconino Career Center Director Carol Curtis and Deputy Director Cindy Wilson were on hand to congratulate the graduates at their celebration. To support these residents, the Career Center provided six full scholarships for the course plus additional funding for tools as they begin their new career. These graduates will also be working closely with a workforce specialist to ensure their continued success.

The Certified Apartment Maintenance Technician (CAMT) course is in its third year and is offered through a partnership with the Coconino County Career Center, Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona, Coconino Community College and the National Apartment Association. The 90-hour intensive course includes four weeks of classes at Coconino Community College, a Work Readiness course taught by Coconino Career Center professionals, and a Job Fair hosted at the Arizona@Work Job Connection to provide introductions for new graduates to local apartment communities.

Employers at the Job Fair were impressed with students' 'trade' knowledge, the national certification, and the additional certifications in EPA608, PEX, and OSHA.

Careers with a CAMT Certification offer

employment opportunities in apartment and building maintenance, hotel/motel maintenance, and property management. As buying vs. renting costs come closer together and the trend to rent becomes the norm for Generation Y, the Coconino Career Center and Goodwill of Central and Northern Arizona continue to partner together to support local business needs with these in-demand careers.

The CAMT training was offered again in March of this year in Flagstaff. Plans are in the works to offer this Certification training in Page in the latter part of this year. Once again, the partners associated with Goodwill, Coconino Community College and the County Career Center will team up to provide this training.

Who IS COCONINO COUNTY?

Have you hiked a trail, voted, enjoyed a concert at Fort Tuthill, driven to the Grand Canyon, gone out to eat in Flagstaff or licensed a dog? If so, you have experienced just a few of the great services provided by Coconino County Employees.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

- View our samples of career and degree matches
- See a slideshow of our great County
- Discover local attractions and outdoor activities
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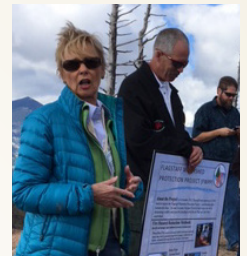
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Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project Update

Almost five years ago, city voters overwhelmingly approved (74%) the \$10 million Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP). This forest treatment effort, involving city, state, and federal lands, is designed to reduce the risk of severe wildfire and subsequent post-fire flooding in the Rio de Flag (Dry Lake Hills) and Upper Lake Mary (Mormon Mountain) watersheds.

Forest treatment work has begun in the Dry Lake Hills and once completed, operations will move to Mormon Mountain.



On-the-Ground Work

In preparation for "Phase I" mechanical thinning along the base of Mt. Elden, temporary road construction, layout and tree marking has been completed and mechanical thinning operations are expected to begin this fall. Fire crews have hand thinned and piled slash on approximately 35 acres and an additional 120 acres are expected to be completed this summer. Marking guidelines, prescription development, layout and tree marking have begun for mechanical thinning units for "Phase II" in Dry Lake Hills, which includes steep slopes and Mexican spotted owl habitat. Installation of hydrologic monitoring equipment at two sites in the area is expected early summer.

Mechanical thinning treatments on 525 acres were completed on Observatory Mesa last summer and slash (such as tree limbs and bark) was chipped and transported to the Coronado Generating Station in eastern Arizona. An additional 400 acres on Observatory Mesa will be thinned this summer. A Digital Restoration Guide that marks units using a digitally formatted map is being tested to replace traditional painting to mark trees. Where applicable, this technology helps lower costs and increases the efficiency of forest thinning projects. A Forest Stewardship Plan is being developed for the Picture Canyon area.

These forest treatments are the first step toward reducing the threat of severe wildfire and promoting a fire adapted ecosystem. A healthy forest ecosystem allows low intensity surface fires to safely burn and play a historic ecological role that

minimizes excessive fuels on the forest floor and recycles soil nutrients to promote diverse understory growth.

Outreach

FWPP planned and hosted several tours with key decision makers. A tour in the Dry Lake Hills included County Supervisors from across the state who attended the annual County Supervisor Association Legislative Summit and another was held with statewide officials during the annual Arizona Municipal Planners' Association meeting. A new kiosk poster located at key trail heads in the Dry Lake Hills area provides project updates to visitors. The poster includes information like locations of treatment operations and area and trail closures.

Upcoming Events

Come visit us at the 2nd Harvesting Methods & Firewise Preparedness Open House. This will be held on **Sat. May 6th from 10:00-1:00** at the **City Aquaplex**. The Open House will offer many fun and hands-on activities including the opportunity to explore harvesting and firefighting equipment; photo ops with Smokey Bear and NAU's Louie the Lumberjack; NAU's Timber Sports Team demonstrations; forest treatment videos; a kids' corner and refreshments. There will also be a Firewise Landscaping Contest with \$1,000 in prizes awarded to the top contestants (for info: Firewiselandscapetest@gmail.com).

►►► For information on project activities, visit www.flagstaffwatershedprotection.org.

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